

Ten years of protecting history



■ From left, Tony Shipton, Martin Cleaver, David Giddings, Fiona McDonald, Andy Phillips, John Nash, Cassandra Latham, Konstanze Rahn, Gemma Gary, Sarah Vivian, Cheryl Traffon, Rory Te Tigo, Dave Munday, Ann Preston-Jones and Barry Reilly.

THE CORNISH Ancient Sites Protection Network (CASPN) is celebrating 10 years of dedication towards the protection of ancient sites.

The organisation, which has representatives from The National Trust, English Heritage, English Nature, Penwith District and Cornwall County Councils, was founded by a group of enterprising pagans in 1997.

Since then successful funding bids have given the group the means to buy

tools for monthly site clear-ups and set up a database of sites in Penwith.

A new membership support group called Friends of Cornwall's Ancient Sites has also been created attracting more than 100 members and some much-welcomed funding to help CASPN continue with its work.

Cassandra Latham, founding member, said ancient sites were vulnerable and an organisation like CASPN would always be needed.

"CASPN is still the organisation it set out to be ten years ago," she said.

"We're still an interested group of people with variable skills coming together every two months to monitor the management of the ancient sites."

The various ancient sites that dot the landscape of Cornwall date from as far back as 20,000 years.

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